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SUBJECT: TREASURY DEPARTMENT REVOKES LICENSE OF AIR
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1. TREASURY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED MAY 17, 1974, THAT IT WAS REVOKING LICENSE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF AIR RHODESIA DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF RHODESIA SANCTIONS REGULATIONS. TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. TREASURY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL HAS REVOKED THE LICENSE ISSUED TO MR. RENTON COWLEY WHICH AUTHORIZED USE OF UN-BLOCKED RHODESIA FUNDS TO OPERATE AN AIR RHODESIA OFFICE IN NEW YORK. MR. COWLEY ALSO REPRESENTS THE RHODESIAN NATIONAL TOURIST BOARD.

THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED UNDER RHODESIA SANCTIONS REGULATIONS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1971, ON THE BASIS OF MR. COWLEY'S WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT HIS ACTIVITIES CONSISTED SOLELY OF PUBLIC DISSEMINATION IN THE U. S. OF GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RHODESIA.

THE REVOCATION WAS BASED ON A DETERMINATION THAT MR. COWLEY HAD ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE. THESE INCLUDED THE EXPORT OF

CLOTHING FOR COMMERCIAL USE IN RHODESIA AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS. HE HAD ALSO REPRESENTED A PRIVATE RHODESIA TRAVEL AGENCY CALLED 'UNITED TOURING COMPANY LIMITED' WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL.

MR. COWLEY WAS BORN IN RHODESIA, AND HE CARRIES A SOUTH AFRICAN PASSPORT. UNQUOTE.

3. AT THEIR DISCRETION AND IF THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL, POSTS REQUESTED TO CONVEY INFORMATION ON REVOCATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND MEDIA, AS APPROPRIATE, AND REPORT REACTIONS, IF ANY. RUSH

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